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## NEEDS \$75,000,000 FOR ROADS

### Boggs in Address to State Highway Engineers Urges Big Bond Issue.

Ashland, Ky., Oct. 12.—The proposed \$50,000,000 bond issue will be enough to put hard surfaces on 2,500 miles of roads, said State Highway Engineer Joe S. Boggs in an address to the State Highway Engineers and county officials in session here, but it would take \$75,000,000 to complete the State's entire plan of the 4,900-mile primary system. He urged that a bond issue for the latter amount be asked of the next Legislature.

Mr. Boggs' discussion of money matters was the introduction of the biggest question to be taken up by the State highway engineers.

The morning's session was filled with talks by various engineers. Following the talk of Mr. Boggs the meeting was thrown open for discussion of road problems. Phil Hunt of Jefferson county, Squire Shortridge of Louisa, A. F. Shouse of Lexington and Hat Hughes of Pikeville were among those who took the floor.

## J. C. Helburn Elected to Head Odd Fellows

Richmond, Ky., Oct. 11.—The Grand Lodge Odd Fellows of Kentucky adjourned its annual meeting here today after three days' work. Central City was selected as the next meeting place. New officers elected were: J. C. Helburn of Eminence, grand master; James M. Denton of Somerset, deputy grand master; J. A. Dotson of Maysville, grand warden; R. G. Elliott, Lexington, for the 30th year re-elected grand secretary; B. J. Durham, Danville, was re-elected grand treasurer; and W. V. Gregory of Louisville and J. Whit Potter of Bowling Green were chosen grand representatives.

## Electric Light Proposition Considered at Meeting

At the meeting of the city council last Friday night the proposed franchise ordinance for electric lights and power was read by the city clerk. A few citizens were present. There was a discussion which developed the fact that the rates in the proposition of the Cincinnati people are higher than the consumers of some other cities in eastern Kentucky are paying.

The question of rates will be taken up with the applicants for franchise and the matter will come up again at the next regular meeting of the council.

## Man Shot Resisting Arrest Dies in Letcher

Whitesburg, Ky., Oct. 17.—Ashford Collins, 39 years old, died at Blakely in this county of gunshot wounds received Sunday when he resisted arrest by Deputy Sheriff William Collins. When the officer went to arrest him he was charged with murder and that he shot at the deputy who returned the fire.

## Sunday School Rally and Convention

Saturday night and Sunday, October 28th and 29th, a Sunday school rally and district convention will be held at the town of Blaine to stimulate the interest in Sunday school work. W. J. Vaughan, State Field Worker, C. H. Wellman, County President and others will be there. A splendid program and a profitable time is expected.

## NEW BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER NEAR PAINTSVILLE

One of the large concrete piers of the bridge across the Big Sandy river at the mouth of Paint creek has been completed and work is being rushed on the others. The material is all on the ground and by the first of the year the contractors have to have the bridge completed. This new bridge will give an outlet to the people living on the east side of the river and will connect with the new roads being built on that side.—Herald.

## EMINENT PREACHER HERE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. D. L. Blakemore, R. D. of Washington, D. C., will preach at the M. E. Church South in Louisa next Sunday night. He is Centenary Field Secretary. Everybody is invited to be present and hear this prominent minister.

## FOOD SALE NEXT SATURDAY.

The women of the M. E. Church, South, will hold another food sale on Saturday, October 21, in W. H. Berry's store. Buy something for your dinner thereby helping yourself and the church.

Mr. J. F. Ahlers of Quincy, Florida, who has been visiting here the past few weeks left Wednesday for Cincinnati for a few days stay. His wife who was Miss Annis Johns, of this place, went to Huntington, W. Va., to spend the week with relatives. They will return here before leaving for their home in Florida.

## Legion Women's New Head-dress



Thelma Sines, of Logansport, La., wearing the new head dress of the women's American Legion Auxiliary as adopted at the New Orleans convention.

## Miss Georgia Greever and Mr. Louis Alley Wed

Miss Georgia Greever, formerly of Louisa, and Mr. Louis Alley of Lexington, Ky., were married on Thursday of this week. The wedding took place at noon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Dora Vinson Greever at Wheelwright, Ky. The couple left soon afterwards for Lexington where they will spend a few days with Mr. Alley's sisters and other relatives.

Until the death of Mr. J. Tate Greever, the bride's father, the home of the family was in Tazewell, Va. Since then they have spent part of the time in Louisa, but went to Wheelwright-Floyd county, some time ago to take charge of a club house.

The bride is an attractive young lady of many accomplishments and very popular with friends here.

Mr. Alley is an electrical engineer of Lexington. He is now located at Wayland, Ky. Upon their return from their honeymoon they will go to house-keeping at once in a home at Wayland which he has furnished and ready for occupancy.

Among guests who were expected at the wedding were the bride's brother, Mr. Jake Greever, of Matestown, W. Va., Miss Martha Frances Johnson of Calfettsburg and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webb of Louisa.

As a courtesy to the bride a linen shower was given on Monday evening by Wheelwright friends. Congratulations and good wishes are extended to the young couple.

## Excellent Lyceum Number at Garden Theater

No better musical entertainment has ever been heard in Louisa than that given last Friday night by "The Mountaineers." This was the first number in a lyceum course put on for this season by Will Cain at the Garden Theater. The company is made up of five men. They dress in the costume of the Italian mountaineer. All are fine musicians. Various combinations of instruments were used with fine effect. The saxophone quartettes and duets were especially popular with the Louisa audience. The piano accordion was remarkably well played and the combination of stringed instruments, guitar and ocarinas, was excellent. One of the members rendered vocal numbers which made quite a hit.

## Man Seeking to End Feud is Killed in Pike

Pikeville, Ky., Oct. 17.—Rowland Wallace shot and instantly killed William Smith on Peter creek Sunday afternoon. It was learned here today. The two men had quarreled some time ago. Smith, who was on horseback, placed his hand on Wallace's shoulder. It is said, and asked him if he had anything against him. Wallace told Smith not to speak to him again and immediately shot him through the chest, according to the report. Wallace was arrested.

## STORK VISITS MANSION.

Frankfort, October 13.—Bennie Lee Waddle has the distinction of being the first child born in the Governor's mansion. She is the daughter of the late Benjamin Waddle and Mrs. Waddle and Mrs. Thomas M. Thatcher, both of Somerset, the latter the mother of Mrs. Benjamin Waddle, were here yesterday to welcome their granddaughter.

## FORD CARS NOW CHEAPER.

Ford automobiles have been reduced \$50 in price. This announcement went out by wire to all agents Tuesday. This is the policy of the Ford company. No intimation of a change in price is given until it has been made. The new prices are the lowest ever made on automobiles.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Erna Burton, 26 of Ulysses to Monte Nickles, 21 of Adams.  
Charles Lee Hall, 32 to Grace Fields, 21 of Louisa.  
Robert Maynard, 21 of R. D. 2 Louisa to Vangie Thompson, 21 of R. D. 2, Fort Gay, W. Va.  
Andrew Woods, 33 of Cadmus to Myrtle Rice, 19 of Potter.

## MARTIN SCHOOL HEAD UNDER FIRE

### Colvin Urges Prosecution of Superintendent; \$110,553 Sought.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 14.—Charges of "negligence, inefficiency and incompetence" against U. G. Johnson, county school superintendent of Martin county, and recommendations of the County Board of Education take steps immediately to oust him from office were contained in a report submitted today to George Colvin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, by W. L. Threlkeld, inspector.

Superintendent Colvin wrote the county board today asking him to follow the recommendations submitted by the Department of Education auditor and to take steps to recover sums of money alleged to have been wrongfully spent by the superintendent of the Martin county schools. The report filed by Inspector Threlkeld cites seventeen points of alleged incompetency and inefficiency on the part of Superintendent Johnson.

County Attorney J. H. Preece of Martin county was asked by Mr. Colvin to take steps to prosecute Superintendent Johnson and recover money alleged to have been wrongfully spent. The letter from Mr. Colvin stated that the Department of Education had not found "greater evidence of incompetency in any county inspected."

### Only Six Pupils in School.

The report by Mr. Threlkeld declares that due to the alleged incompetency of Superintendent Johnson that the schools of Martin county have deteriorated and the people have lost interest in them. The Inez High School, the report says, began the year of 1922 with only six pupils and parents refused to send their children to many of the county schools.

Among the counts cited by the inspector was that no record of receipts of funds was kept and that the superintendent did not require receipts when making payments.

A grand total of \$110,553.13 was turned over to the Martin county schools during the four years Johnson was superintendent, the report alleges, but not one receipt was taken and reports of the superintendent showed balances in the accounts for some years and indebtedness in other years, the inspector claimed, but no complete report of where or how the money was spent was submitted.

The superintendent wrote checks freely, the report declared, and "assumed and exercised the functions of the whole board."

### Showed \$6,589 Debt.

In 1918-19 the report of the superintendent balances, but shows an indebtedness of \$6,589.91. The inspector asks an accounting of this. In the following year the report shows \$200 more disbursed than the record shows, and an explanation is asked by the inspector.

Reports made by the superintendent for 1919 showed, not an indebtedness, but a balance of \$3,266.69, the inspector reported, but the next year there was an indebtedness of \$6,589.91. One year the report failed to balance and the superintendent noted this fact on the report, it was alleged.

The report of 1921 shows a surplus of \$1,181.25, but the indebtedness had increased to \$11,523.54, the inspector declared. Where this \$8,256.85 increase in indebtedness came from was not recorded, Mr. Threlkeld said. The next year this indebtedness was decreased by \$3,222.22, but no record was submitted, the inspector said, to show how the debt was cut down.

In some years the superintendent did not keep books, the report declared, and in other years books were kept, but receipts were not taken for expenditures.

It was pointed out in the report that \$6,120.56 was due from the Sheriff of Martin county, but no record was made showing whether this amount ever was received. The inspector asked that this be investigated. Scores of vouchers were missing, many had duplicate numbers, and vouchers of 1913 and 1914 were mixed with those of 1921 and 1922, the inspector declared.

The report not only asked that Superintendent Johnson be ousted from office, but asked that "legal steps be taken to determine who was responsible for the alteration of certain checks."

The request for an inspection of the affairs of the Martin county schools came from a group of taxpayers there. Superintendent Colvin said. The petition recited that there was a loss of interest in the schools and that the superintendent had issued certificates to persons who later lost their certificates on account of immoral conduct. This fact also is brought out in the report by Inspector Threlkeld.

### Teachers Under Indictment.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 14.—The investigation of the condition of affairs made by W. L. Threlkeld, auditor of the State Department of Education, in response to a petition from citizens of that county.

The petition stated that U. S. Hall, a teacher, was indicted on a charge of unlawfully transporting whisky; S. M. Mainard, principal of the Inez school, was under indictment on a charge of possessing whisky illegally; and "County Superintendent U. G. Johnson, during the last term of the Martin Circuit Court, was active in aiding in the defense of bootleggers and moonshiners and went so far as to take the stand

as a witness in behalf of at least three."

Mr. Threlkeld in his report verified the statement of the petition.

### S. M. Mainard Relieved.

The Courier-Journal regards the Martin county school situation to be of sufficient importance to send a staff correspondent to Inez to report it. M. H. Ross sends the following to the Courier-Journal:

Inez, Ky., Oct. 16.—Charges of inefficiency, misuse of funds and absconding of bootlegging against Martin county school officials, were recognized today by relief from duty of S. M. Mainard, principal of the Inez public school, under orders from George Colvin, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Retirement of Mainard is thought to be the first step in ouster proceedings against U. G. Johnson, Superintendent of Martin county schools, recently accused of lax monetary administration by W. L. Threlkeld, school inspector.

Mainard, under indictment for liquor possession, was charged with drunkenness on Inez streets and Johnson with testifying in behalf of three bootleggers in petition circulated by Martin county citizens for release of the trials.

U. S. Hall, another teacher, was allowed to teach by Johnson after Hall had been given a five-year suspended sentence for deserting his wife for another woman, according to J. H. Preece, County Attorney. Two suits are pending to recover money for Martin county from Johnson, Preece said. Johnson's case will be presented to the November grand jury.

### \$110,000 Alleged Missing.

"He will be asked to account for \$110,000 disbursed by him in four years during which a \$10,000 school indebtedness has originated and the county schools, what three is left of them, have totally run down."

"I can account for every dollar spent if they give me the chance," Johnson said. "The inspector took my books away and refused to let me explain my records. Ex-Sheriff Jim Horn plain how I handle things. He still paid in the \$6,000 the inspector says is missing, but I did not put it in my minutes because the money was accounted for by the bank."

The reason some years show balances and some indebtedness is that the inspector was not figuring in the school building fund. When he returns my books I will straighten things out."

### 5 Pupils in High School.

Johnson's administration owes Martin county banks \$10,000 on unsecured notes which the banks cannot collect. B. L. Hale, cashier of the Inez District school system in Kentucky Bank said: "Martin county has \$10,000 on the books of the Board of Education, said: 'And we are powerless to remedy it because of Johnson's high-handed methods. Of 2,750 children of school age, perhaps 1,200 attend. Parents let the others drift or send them to private schools. Many children are sent to West Virginia and surrounding county public schools. The Inez High School has five pupils, and ninety pupils pay to the Inez Academy, founded this year by the Presbyterian church to help parents, who pay taxes for public schools, subscribed \$1,200 this year to get the academy here.'

"Inez children, on whom our future rests," Sheriff J. C. Fletcher said, "are school system has retrograded under being raised in ignorance because our youth for schools. The State adds \$17,000 annually. Citizens are taxed \$17,000 approximately a like sum. We are not getting \$5,000 worth of education for it."

## NORMAL MEETING IS POSTPONED

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 16.—On account of the inability of J. L. Harman of Bowling Green to attend, the proposed session of the Normal School Commission, which was to have been held today for the purpose of selecting a site at Murray for the Western Kentucky School and choosing a city for the Eastern School, was postponed indefinitely and Chairman E. C. O'Rear will call a meeting at a later date.

## STRIKES COME HIGH, BUT WE WILL HAVE 'EM

Cleveland, O., Oct. 11.—The recent strike in the coal industry caused a total loss of \$1,190,000,000, J. G. Bradley of Dundon, W. Va., former president of the National Coal Association, declared here today in an address before the annual convention of the American Mining Congress.

### FIELDS-HALL.

Mr. C. L. Hall of this place and Mrs. Grace Fields were united in marriage Monday, October 16. They were married at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. S. F. Reynolds. They left by touring car for Quebec and other points in Canada where they will spend several weeks. After their return to Louisa they will reside on Jefferson Street. The bride is the daughter of Bud Mullins of Pike county and had been visiting relatives here. Mr. Hall is in business in Louisa.

### MORE ROAD FOR WAYNE.

Wayne county is to get nine more miles of good roads. The State Road Commission proposes to let to contract on the 14th day of November the grading and drainage of this road — Echo-Fleming road.

## Europe Going Back to Farm



Dr. L. C. Gray, economist of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, after an extended survey in Europe says big estates are being cut into small tracts and the people are going back to the land, producing more for home than commercial uses.

## John C. Hicks Chosen Grand Master I. O. O. F.

At the election of officers of the West Virginia Odd Fellows Grand Lodge in Parkersburg last week J. C. Hicks of Logan, W. Va., was chosen as Grand Master for the coming year. Morgantown was selected as the place for next year's meeting.

Other officers of the grand lodge elected are:

A. W. Martin, of Haywood, deputy grand master; A. J. Wilkinson, of Huntington, grand secretary; George G. Stout, of Parkersburg, grand treasurer; T. H. Neal, of Cameron, grand representative; Rev. W. V. Stroehbeier, of Brookly, grand chaplain; Fred Burnett, Shinnston, grand conductor; Claude Garrison, Wheeling, grand marshal; L. Lee Baach, Kermit, grand guardian; Wheeler Preece, Williamson, grand herald; Judge W. H. O'Brien, grand warden.

Miss Henrietta Wilson, of Parkersburg, was elected president of the state Rebekah Assembly to succeed Mrs. Martha Wilson, as president of the assembly; Delma Hill, of Charleston, was elected vice-president; Levi Hood, Williams Town, warden; Nevil Thorne, Fairmont, secretary; and Grace Amos, Cairo, treasurer.

Mr. Hicks is a native of Lawrence county and was a citizen of Louisa for a short time before locating in Logan, W. Va., for the practice of law. The Logan paper has the following to say in regard to his appointment:

John C. Hicks, prominent Logan lawyer and one of the sections most popular citizens, was named as grand master of the West Virginia Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. Mr. Hicks has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for many years and one of its leading exponents in the state, and his elevation to the highest honor in the grand lodge of the state is a deserved tribute to his loyalty and activity. His many local friends are highly elated over his success and look for him to make his administration in fraternal realms a notable one.

## James Compton Dies of Brights Disease

James Compton, aged 68, died Monday at his home on Water street in Louisa. He had been confined to his home by illness the past month or more. Bright's disease is said to have caused his death.

Mr. Compton is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Jim Munsey of Paintsville, Mrs. A. S. Wilson of Louisa and an unmarried daughter. Also, some older children of his first marriage whose names we did not obtain.

Mr. Compton was a good citizen and had lived here the past few years, moving from the country.

The funeral service was conducted on Tuesday afternoon and burial took place in Pine Hill cemetery.

## PRESTONSBURG MAN IS SPECIAL JUDGE IN PIKE

Governor Morrow Monday designated W. W. Williams of Prestonsburg, to serve as special judge of the Pike circuit court to try the case of Nancy Phillips against U. K. Williams, the Phillips agent, J. E. Childers, being disqualified.

## DRIVER CRAWLS FROM WRECKAGE LITTLE HURT

Paintsville.—At Van Lear, a train struck and knocked to pieces a truck which was midway of the crossing. Mitchell Sherman, the driver, could not be found for a brief interval, but finally crawled from under the pile of wreckage without a serious hurt.

## BLEVINS AND KITCHEN CLEARED

During circuit court we reported the fine and imprisonment verdicts against Lon and Tom T. Blevins and John Kitchen for being drunk. They were not present at the trial, but appeared later and got a new trial which resulted in an acquittal.

### Mayo Trail Nearing Completion.

The grading and drainage of the Mayo Trail from the Boyd county line to Louisa is rapidly reaching the finishing stage. After delay on bridges and culverts caused by the railroad strike the contractors are now pushing the work hard.

## WAYNE COURT MUST APPOINT OFFICERS

### Courthouse Removal Causes Contention Over Election Officers for November.

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 18.—The supreme court of appeals today issued peremptory writs of mandamus against the county court of Wayne county, commanding it to appoint as election officers the men designated by the Republican and Democratic county executive committees.

Rights of county executive committees of the two major parties to designate election precinct judges and clerks were upheld by the supreme court of appeals today in deciding against the county court of Wayne county. Peremptory writs of mandamus against the county court were issued in two cases brought by the Republican and Democratic executive committees for the county carrying out this decision.

The differences between the political committees and the county court grew out of the fight in Wayne over the location of the court house. In bringing their cases to the supreme court the members of the executive committees of the two parties represented that they provided, in proper form, lists of men designated for appointment as election officials in the various precincts. Their recommendations were disregarded, they complained, and the court appointed men in various instances whose appointment had not been requested.

The writs issued today announced H. W. Thompson, J. T. Porter and J. W. Crabtree, the county commissioners, to convene forthwith as the county court and "appoint the persons whose appointments were requested" by the party executive committees. The question of removal of the county seat from Wayne to Kenova will go before the voters for the third time at the election, November 7.

## Louisa-Huntington Drive is Now Very Popular

The road from Louisa to Huntington via Wayne is in excellent condition except a detour of about two miles which is just an ordinary country road. Even with this obstacle the automobiles are making the trip in one and a half to two hours. The drive is very enjoyable. A portion of the road has brick surface and another section has concrete top. The detour is necessary just now because the concrete road on the Huntington end is just being constructed. Two or three weeks should see the completion of this piece of work if the weather continues favorable.

It is expected that a hard surface will be put on the road from Ft. Gay to Wayne next year.

Wayne has a tax valuation of thirty-three millions. Lawrence county has \$6,500,000 taxable property. We mention this as an apology for our roads.

## Pikeville Couple Wedded in Ashland Monday

Mr. Winston M. Connolly and Miss Violet Walker were married in Ashland a few days ago. They are popular young people of Pikeville. Mr. Connolly is the son of Harrison and Hester Roffe Connolly, both deceased. He is one of Pikeville's leading young business men and his bride is a most worthy young woman. They will live in Pikeville.

### MRS. JOLIFF AND GUEST.

Mrs. J. U. Joliff of Weston, W.Va., was here over Sunday the guest of her sister, Miss Matilda Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace. She had been to Chattanooga, Tenn., attending a missionary convention. She made the return trip through "the Breaks" and down Big Sandy. She was accompanied from the convention by Miss Beck of New York who was a Missionary in India six years. Miss Beck stopped over in Louisa with Mrs. Joliff and left the first of the week with her for Weston where she will be her guest several weeks.

### JAMES F. ARTRIP DIES.

James F. Artrip, son of Harmon Artrip and Mahala Artrip, was born Jan. 18, 1856, died Oct. 17, 1922, aged 36 years, 8 months and 9 days. Left to mourn his loss is his mother, one brother, five sisters and many friends. He was very loyal to mother, brother and sisters. He was a good citizen and beloved by everyone who knew him.

### MRS. LANGLEY LOSES BROOCH.

A diamond brooch containing 110 jewels and valued at \$2000 was lost last Friday by Mrs. John W. Langley in Louisville. She is of the belief that she lost the brooch between the hotel and station.

### O. E. S. MEETING.

Mrs. J. B. Vaughan is to go to Louisville next week to attend the Grand Lodge Order Eastern Star, as the representative from Louisa chapter. Mrs. Ora Rule Shannon will represent the Paintsville chapter.

### FORT GAY SCHOOL BUILDING.

James A. Hughes of Huntington has the contract to build the new school building at Fort Gay, W. Va. Work will be started at once and the building will be rushed to completion.